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VIEW OF ACADEMY BUILDING





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South Byfield, Mass

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HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY

Dummer Academy was founded by the Honorable William Dummer, who was Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay from 1716 to 1730, and acting Governor from 1723 to 1728, and from the time of the death of Governor Burnet until the arrival of Governor Belcher.

He was grandson of Richard Dummer, one of the early settlers of Newbury, a man of great wealth and liberality.

Governor Dummer was born in Boston in 1679, and died there October 10, 1761. He inherited the large landed estate in the Parish of Byfield in Newbury, which had belonged to his grandfather, and in 1720, as near as can be ascertained, he erected on it the mansion house in which he resided in summer during the remainder of his life, and which is now in a good state of preservation.

In his will he gave his farm in Byfield, containing about three hundred and thirty

acres, with his mansion house, to trustees, the income from the same to be first appropriated to the erection of "a Grammar school house," "on the most convenient part of my sd farm," and after that forever "towards the maintenance of a grammar school master in said school."

The school was opened for scholars in 1763 and is the oldest institution of its kind in Massachusetts. The location is most desirable for such a school. It is a beautiful and very healthy country place, with no hotel, store or place of public resort in its vicinity. The farm lies in a body between the Parker and Mill rivers, which afford excellent opportunity for salt-water bathing, and for fishing and boating. It is conveniently accessible from the Boston & Maine Station at Newburyport, distant four miles, and from the Rowley Station, three miles, at which a carriage will be in readiness on arrival of trains.

The school has been under the charge of distinguished teachers and numbers among its pupils some of the most eminent men and scholars of the country.



LIEUT. GOV. DUMMER'S MANSION HOUSE, ERECTED ABOUT 1720

OBJECT OF THE SCHOOL

The object of the school is to prepare boys for college, with special reference to the requirements for admission to Harvard and Yale Universities, and for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Boys who desire to enter other colleges, or who desire instruction in special branches will be admitted, and may pursue such studies from the regular course as their parents or guardians may select.

Pupils will be admitted to most of the New England Colleges on the certificate of the Master.

Thorough discipline of the mental powers, the acquiring by the pupil of the habit of thinking and reasoning for himself, and the inculcation of a high moral tone, are regarded of more importance than the mere acquisition of knowledge.

A leading purpose of the school will be to establish good character by developing right habits, thus laying a foundation for the best type of manhood.

The boys live in the Master's house and receive the care and attention of members of the family. Their pleasures are not suppressed, but are controlled so as to maintain the quiet and politeness of a well-ordered home. The school is thus preëminently a Home School, and is a safe and desirable place for parents to send their boys and guardians their wards. Under these circumstances boys can be safely admitted to the school at an earlier age than at most other academies. A record of the attendance, proficiency and deportment of each pupil will be kept and furnished to parents and guardians when desired.

The boys will not be allowed to go to the villages or to Newburyport, unless for good reasons, and then only with permission of the Master or Instructor in charge. There will be little occasion for spending money, as everything excepting clothing will be provided. Such money as parents desire their sons to have must be supplied through the Master.

Applicants for admission must be recommended by their last teacher for scholarship and character. No boy will be received who has been expelled or suspended from another school. We propose to guard our boys against vicious associates, so if a boy shows signs of exerting an evil influence he will not be permitted to remain at the Academy. The aim in the government of the school is to develop manly boys who shall be worthy of confidence.



VIEW OF ACADEMY GROUNDS

INSTRUCTION

As the number of boys is limited each one receives special individual attention. The class-room work is so conducted that the instructor may discover the particular difficulties arising in every lesson and so adapt the instruction as to assist each boy to a fair understanding of the subject taught. In this way the discouragements arising from a lack of comprehension are avoided.

The instructors are specialists in their departments. The department of languages is especially strong. The classics are under the charge of the Master. The modern languages are under charge of Mr. Lacroix, a native of Geneva, Switzerland. In this department an opportunity is given those who intend to travel abroad to learn French and German as they are spoken in Europe. The English department is well adapted to the wants of those not caring to study other languages. The science department prepares pupils for college. There is a secondary department for the younger boys, which is under the supervision of one who has had large experience in public school work.

The Gymnasium is a large well lighted building, fitted with appliances for physical training.

REGULATIONS

1. Strict obedience to every regulation.
2. Consideration and politeness must be shown to all members of the household.
3. All profanity forbidden.
4. The use of tobacco and liquor is forbidden while the boy is a member of the school, whether used on the premises or elsewhere.
5. The boys are not allowed to visit one another's rooms during study hours, or during the school hours.
6. The boys are not allowed to go to the villages or to Newburyport without permission from the Master or Instructor in charge.
7. The hours for study are to be rigidly observed. Excuses for sickness will be given by the Master.

EXPENSES, ETC

The fee for the full year is \$450. This includes tuition, board, heat, lights, washing (except such as is sent to the steam laundry). The fee for day-scholars not residents of the town of Newbury is \$75 per year.

Residents of the town of Newbury will be received at one half the fee charged day-scholars. The bills are invariably due at the beginning of each term. All drafts to be drawn to the order of George B. Rogers, Master.

Each boy must furnish three sheets, three pillow cases, three towels, and three napkins. All other things are supplied by the school.



VIEW OF AVENUE FROM THE ACADEMY

COURSE OF STUDY

First Year.—Arithmetic, English, Geography, Reading, Spelling, Writing.

Second Year.—Arithmetic, English, United States History, Reading, Spelling, Writing.

Third Year.—Algebra, Reading, Spelling, Physical Geography, Latin, French, or German, Writing.

Fourth Year.—Algebra (one-half year), Geometry, English Literature, Composition, Latin, French, or German, Elementary Greek, Political Economy.

Fifth Year.—Geometry, Latin, Greek, French, or German, Literature, Themes, General History, Book-keeping.

Sixth Year.—Latin, Greek, French, or German, Physics, Chemistry, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, Reviews. This year will be devoted to special coaching for college examinations. Pupils may enter at any time and will be placed in such classes as in the judgment of the Master they are qualified to enter.

HOURS

7:00 A. M.	-	-	-	Rising.
7:30 A. M.	-	-	-	Breakfast.
9:00 to 12:00	{	-	-	School Exercises.
1:30 to 3:30				
12:00 M.	-	-	-	Dinner.
6:00 P. M.	-	-	-	Supper.
7:30 to 8:45	-	-	-	Study Hour.
9:30 P. M.	-	-	-	Retiring. All lights out.



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CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR 1895

SECOND TERM begins Wednesday, January 2, 1895.

“ “ closes Wednesday, March 20, 1895.

THIRD TERM begins Tuesday, April 2, 1895.

“ “ closes Wednesday, June 12, 1895.

CALENDAR FOR 1895-96

FIRST TERM begins Wednesday, September 11, 1895.

“ “ closes Friday, December 20, 1895.

SECOND TERM begins Thursday, January 2, 1896.

“ “ closes Friday, March 27, 1896.

THIRD TERM begins Wednesday, April 8, 1896.

“ “ closes Wednesday, June 18, 1896.

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